

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 629

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Lena Gray on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in public service; and

WHEREAS, Lena Gray is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for twenty-four years as a Hawkins County Deputy Registrar; and

WHEREAS, after being a stay-at-home mother to her children until they were in high school, Lena was excited to begin working for the Hawkins County Election Office; and

WHEREAS, she loves working with the public and has never tired of happily greeting and assisting each patron she encountered; and

WHEREAS, Lena Gray thrived in the fast pace atmosphere of elections; she was always there in the event of a machine breaking and assisted the citizens of Hawkins County in casting their votes, whether by electronic or paper ballot; and

WHEREAS, she is a staunch supporter of the democratic system and encourages her children and grandchildren to vote and spread the word about the importance of voting, not just in the presidential elections, but also the equally important local elections; and

WHEREAS, Lena Gray worked hard every year to ensure the early election process ran smoothly and that every vote was accounted for by matching the daily poll list; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray looks forward to spending time with her grandchildren and continuing to work part-time with the election office to train the election commission staff; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Gray exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, she demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and a grateful public, and it is appropriate that this body should recognize her outstanding service to the good citizens of Hawkins County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Lena Gray our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.